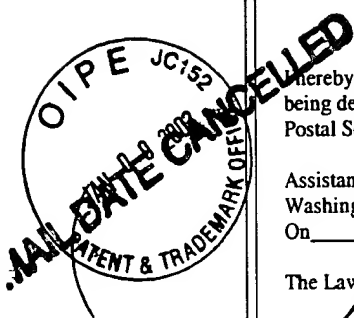
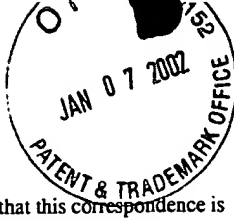


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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the  
attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested  
that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application,  
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